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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGER

Tsetse Fly Control (Phase II)
(NER/78/006)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	December 1978
Starting date of project activities:	September 1978
Planned completion date:	February 1981
To be executed by:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Rural Development
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$515 700
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. Trypanosomiasis still affects a large part of Niger bordering on Benin and Upper Volta, in particular the region located in the south of Say. It is estimated that about 400,000 head of cattle live permanently or move in this area infested by the tsetse fly and that each year a fourth of the animals become infected by the trypanosomes. The yearly economic losses resulting from this sickness are extremely heavy.

2. The region situated between the Niger River and the Benin and Upper Volta borders is also an area plagued by onchocerciasis. As a result, it is scantily populated in spite of its good agricultural soils with important agricultural potentialities.

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A regional control programme against onchocerciasis is being implemented in this area under the aegis of the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) and UNDP. This programme, once achieved, will lead to human resettlements in the infested region. It is, however, obvious that the economic development of the region could only be achieved if measures are taken to enable an association to be made between agriculture and cattle-breeding, and that this association is only possible provided that animal trypanosomiasis can be previously eradicated.

3. Since 1975 UNDP has financed preliminary studies (NER/74/002) and a first phase project (NER/75/005)[1/]. The objectives of these projects were to eradicate the tsetse fly from infested areas in South-Western Niger through a helicopter spraying campaign. UNDP assistance for the present Phase II project has been approved to consolidate the results of the first phase and to refine the methods used to eradicate the danger of animal trypanosomiasis.

II. Objectives and activities

4. The long-term objective of the project is to stimulate the socio-economic development of the southern region of Niger, by increasing animal production and to integrate the latter within the agricultural economy.

5. The more immediate objective of the project is to bring the trypanosomiasis disease under control by eliminating the tsetse fly from a critical zone through a helicopter spraying campaign, the installation of barren-land zones to stop reinvasion, and the training of national personnel in maintaining a control system designed to prevent reinfestation by the tsetse fly.

III. Inputs

6. Under the assistance now approved UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, the services of one specialist in tsetse fly control, consultancy services, subcontracts for the use of helicopters, insecticides and equipment.

7. To carry out the activities for which assistance is now approved, the Government will provide a veterinarian and an adequate number of other national staff, vehicles, spraying equipment and funds for miscellaneous maintenance expenditure.

IV. Financial data

8. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	408 200
Subcontracts	6 000
Equipment	35 700
Miscellaneous	65 800
	515 700

9. The estimated total value, expressed in US dollars, of inputs provided directly by the Government to the project is $175,600 in kind (local currency).

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